

Please amend claims 6-7, 18-20 and 23 as follows:

7.6. (Amended) The method according to claim [5] 1, wherein the concentration of divalent or trivalent iron ions in the dialysate is at least about 50µg/dl and the molecular weight of the complex is less than about 25,000.

7. (Amended) The method according to claim [5] 1, wherein the anion is an organic anion.

17.6. (Amended) A [dialysate] composition comprising an aqueous medium having dissolved therein sodium, magnesium, calcium, potassium, chloride, acetate, bicarbonate and an iron complex having a molecular weight of less than about 50,000.

18.
19. (Amended) The [dialysate] composition according to claim 18, further comprising a member selected from the group consisting of dextrose, a sorbent and a surfactant.

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20. (Amended) The [dialysate] composition according to claim 18, comprising from about 130 to about 150 mEq/L sodium, from about 0.4 to about 1.5 mEq/L magnesium, from about 2 to about 4 mEq/L calcium, from about 1 to about 3 mEq/L potassium, from about 90 to about 120 mEq/L

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chloride, from about 3 to about 5 mEq/L acetate, from
about 30 to about 40 mEq/L bicarbonate and from about 1 to
about 250 µg/dl iron as an iron complex having a
molecular weight of less than about 50,000.

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23. (Amended) The [dialysate concentrate] composition
according to claim [21] ¹⁷18, [wherein the concentrate may
be diluted to provide a dialysate; and wherein the sodium,
magnesium, calcium, potassium, chloride, acetate,
bicarbonate and iron complex are present in the
concentrate at concentrations from about 30 to about 40
times higher than their concentrations in the dialysate.]
comprising from about 3900 to about 6000 mEq/L sodium,
from about 12 to about 60 mEq/L magnesium, from about 60
to about 160 mEq/L calcium, from about 30 to about 120
mEq/L potassium, from about 2700 to about 4800 mEq/L
chloride, from about 90 to about 200 mEq/L acetate, from
about 900 to about 1600 mEq/L bicarbonate and from about
.03 to about 10 mg/dl iron as an iron complex having a
molecular weight of less than about 50,000.

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Please add new claims 24-26 as follows:

15 2/4. A method for delivering iron to blood comprising:
providing a dialysate having dissolved therein from
about 0.008 to about 2 mg/dl ferrous gluconate; and
dialyzing a patient with the dialysate to increase the
level of iron in the patient's blood.

16 2/5. The method according to claim 15 2/4, wherein the
dialysate further comprises from about 130 to about 150
mEq/L sodium, from about 0.4 to about 1.5 mEq/L magnesium,
from about 2 to about 4 mEq/L calcium, from about 1 to
about 3 mEq/L potassium, from about 90 to about 120 mEq/L
chloride, from about 3 to about 5 mEq/L acetate and from
about 30 to about 40 mEq/L bicarbonate.

26. A composition, comprising an aqueous medium
having dissolved therein from about 0.008 to about 2 mg/dl
ferrous gluconate and one or more members selected from
the group consisting of from about 130 to about 6000 mEq/L
sodium, from about 0.4 to about 60 mEq/L magnesium, from
about 2 to about 80 mEq/L calcium, from about 1 to about
120 mEq/L potassium, from about 90 to about 4800 mEq/L
chloride, from about 3 to about 200 mEq/L acetate and from
about 30 to about 1600 mEq/L bicarbonate.

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